

Electric Orders - Issued 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES) ORDER APPROVING FUEL CLAUSE ADJUSTMENT
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FUEL CLAUSE
ADJUSTMENT) EL97-001**

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On January 2, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Northern States Power Company (NSP) for approval of a fuel clause adjustment. The company proposed to include in its fuel clause adjustment for the billing month of January a "small refund of \$1,277 or 0.001¢ per kWh associated with 1) interest income related to nuclear disposal fee refunds from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and 2) an offsetting amount of interest expense associated with coal production tax liability paid by NSP to various fuel suppliers." The Company also requested that the Commission waive the 30-day notice requirement pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:20.

A regularly scheduled January 14, 1997, meeting, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Jim Wilcox of NSP explained the filing. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-12. The Commission found the request for both the recovery and refund of the above mentioned items were just and reasonable and approved the fuel clause adjustment. The Commission also voted to waive the 30-day notice requirement pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:20. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that NSP's request for both the recovery and refund of the above mentioned items are approved. It is further

ORDERED that the 30-day notice requirement is waived pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:20.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of January, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By:_____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date:_____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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